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Maryland State Retirement Agency Reports Earnings on Investments in FY 2012

Baltimore, MD (July 27, 2012) — The Board of Trustees of the Maryland State Retirement and Pension System has been informed that earnings on the \$37.1 billion investment portfolio were 0.36 percent for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2012. The fund did not meet its 7.75% actuarial return target for this year, but did exceed the plan policy benchmark by 28 basis points. The policy benchmark is a weighted average of the overall market performance of the underlying asset classes.

"The last twelve months presented a challenging environment for investors, particularly in international equity," said A. Melissa Moye, Ph.D., Chief Investment Officer. "Most of the system's asset classes added value to the fund, offsetting the negative impact of public equity for the year."

	Asset Allocation	Return
Public Equity	42.4	-6.78
Private Equity	5.7	7.49
Fixed Income	19.2	8.25
Credit	7.8	3.10
Real Return	10.0	4.57
Real Estate	6.4	8.73
Absolute Return	6.8	3.68
Cash	1.7	5.32
Total	100%	0.36%

"Fiscal year 2012 was remarkable for its volatility, both in the U.S. and in Europe," said State Treasurer Nancy K. Kopp, Chair of the Maryland State Retirement and Pension System Board of Trustees. "It is in times such as these that a diversified portfolio is critical to maintaining positive results. The board continues to focus on long-term performance. Taking the long view, the system has on average exceeded the assumed rate of return over the last 25 years, which is a more appropriate measure of performance."

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The Maryland State Retirement and Pension System is charged with the fiduciary responsibility for properly administering the retirement and pension allowances of more than 127,000 retirees and beneficiaries as well as the future benefits for more than 245,000 active and former members. These groups include state government employees, teachers, law enforcement personnel, legislators, judges and local government employees and fire fighters whose employers have elected to participate in the system.